

REMARKS

Applicants extend gratitude to Examiner Shannon-Shah for taking the time to discuss the filing of a supplemental preliminary amendment with Applicant's representative during a telephone call on August 22, 2001.

In a previous preliminary amendment, claims 21-28 were cancelled. As a result of a restriction requirement, Applicants elected Group I (claims 1-20, relating to a pharmaceutical composition – a peptide).

By this amendment, Claims 1-20 and 29-37 have been cancelled and new claims 38-92, relating to a peptide (elected Group I) have been added. Accordingly, claims 38-92 are pending in this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims of Group II in a divisional application.

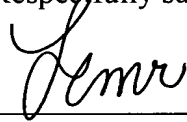
In view of new claims 38-92, which more accurately claim the present invention, Applicants respectfully submit that the species election is no longer appropriate with respect to Election I (sequence from SEQ ID Nos. 2 to 63).

Applicants respectfully request that Examiner Shannon-Shah reconsider the necessity of the species election with regards to Election II, in view of new claims 37-84.

Applicants respectfully request that the above amendments be entered in the application before examination on the merits.

If the Examiner believes a telephone discussion would be beneficial in resolving any matter concerning this application, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Emr", written over a horizontal line.

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